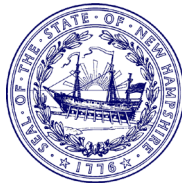


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Re: DE 19-197, Electric and Gas Utilities, Development of a Statewide Multi-Use Online Energy Data Platform, DOE Clarification of Positions

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The Department of Energy (DOE) is filing this letter to further clarify for the record the DOE's role in the Parties' Memorandum as referenced in Order No. 26,644 (June 24, 2022) (the Order). In the Order, the Commission stated: "On May 27, 2022, the parties filed a Prehearing Conference Memorandum (Memorandum) in which they developed further responses and recommendations concerning the issues they had identified as needing clarification." Order at 3.

The DOE wishes to clarify that it did not join the other parties in the majority of positions taken in the referenced Memorandum. *See* Memorandum filed May 27, 2022 at 1. The DOE only joined "in the relief requested, in part, as specified in Section II d and f," and was neutral with regard to other technical solutions. *See id.* At hearing, the DOE also objected to the parties holding a "meeting every month," with the Commission, and took the position that RFP review might compromise the Commission's ability to review whether the platform is prudent and/or in the public interest. *See* Hearing Transcript at 125-26. (DOE asserts that the Commission's participation in a technical session with parties may be problematic).

Thus, while a close reading of the Memorandum and hearing transcript make clear DOE's positions on those matters, some of the statements in the Order seem to conflate DOE with the other parties, which would be inaccurate in this context. The DOE submits this letter to clarify its positions.

Consistent with the Commission's current policy, this letter is being filed solely in electronic form.

Respectfully Submitted,

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